

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE**  
**Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Chapter 250-5 Personal Licensure, Rule 250-5-.05. Licensure by Examination: Funeral  
Director**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Chapter 250-5 Personal Licensure, Rule 250-5-.05. Licensure by Examination: Funeral Director (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on the interested party notification list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's website page at <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/30>, or by contacting the Board at 478-207-2440.

Any interested party affected by the rule may present written comments to the Board no later than close of business June 5, 2018. Written comments must be legible, signed, and should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address, etc.). Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Funeral Service, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; fax (866) 888-1308. Oral statements presented during the public hearing should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent at its April 10, 2018 meeting. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-41; and 43-18-46. Finally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-41; and 43-18-46 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed or owned and operated in the field of funeral service.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service at its meeting scheduled to begin 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service has the authority

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to adopt the proposed rule amendment to 250-5-.05 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-41; and 43-18-46.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 2 day of May 2018.



Lisa W. Durden, Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: 5/2/2018

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES**  
**Chapter 250-5 Personal Licensure, Rule 250-5-.05. Licensure by Examination: Funeral Director**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to replace archaic wording and to remove an antiquated requirement for examination.

**Main Features:** The main features of this amendments are capitalization of “the” in reference to “The Conference”, replacement of an archaic pronoun, and removal of the requirement of an application for examination because it is no longer required.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULE**  
**Chapter 250-5 Personal Licensure, Rule 250-5-.05. Licensure by Examination: Funeral Director**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

Rule 250-5-.05. Licensure by Examination: Funeral Director

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- (2) An applicant for licensure must direct ~~the~~ The Conference to provide the Board with certification that ~~he/she~~ the applicant passed both examinations.
- (3) An applicant for a funeral director license on or after January 1, 1991, must also pass the Board-approved Jurisprudence Examination which covers state laws regarding funeral directing. ~~The application for the examination must be submitted to the Board at least forty-five (45) days before a scheduled examination.~~

Authority: O.C.G.A. § Secs.43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-41; and 43-18-46

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